NOES—21.

1	Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan	12	Mr. Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
2	,, A. Easvara Pillai (*Kottara kara-*	13	,, P. K. Narayana Pillai
3	,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	14	,, S. Nilakanta Pillai
4	,, E. V. Krishna Pillai	15	,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
5	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai	16	,, Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
6	,, Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai	17	,, Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
7	,, T. Krishna Pillai	18	,, M. Sivatanu Pillai
8	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	19	,, A. Thanu Pillai
9	,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai	20	,, V. K. Velappan Nair
10	,, M. N. Nair	21	,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai
11	,, K. A. Narayana Pillai		

NEUTRALS.—4.

1	Mr. K. R. Elenkath	3	Mr. N. E. Varughese
2	,, A. Easvara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	4	,, S. Thiraviam Nadar

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: For 37 ; against 21 ; and neutrals 4.

The motion is carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 700 under Demand XXIV—Stationery and Printing. This grant is intended for the completion of the stock-taking work that has been started in the Government Press. A provision was made for this purpose in the budget for the current year and an Assistant Engineer with some staff has been engaged in taking the stock of the type plant in the Government Press and in the Central Prison Press for about 6 months. The period will be over by the 16th Edavam. The stock-taking officer recently reported that the work could not be completed within the period of six months and that to complete it he would require at least six months more. So far, he has finished the stock-taking of the type plant in the type store in the Government Press and in the Central Prison Press. The stock-taking of the type plant in the various composing sections in the Government Press has yet to be done. The officer has also to prepare an inventory of the different varieties of types, compare them with the book balances and prescribe proper registers to be maintained hereafter. It is proposed therefore to give him an extension of six months for the completion of this work. The Assistant Engineer has been devoting his full time to this work for the last six moths and he is being paid his substantive pay plus deputation allowance which comes to about Rs. 300 a month. But the more important portion of the work having been finished, the staff that has been working under him having gained some

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[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

experience, he has reported that it may not be necessary for him to devote all his time to this work that it would be sufficient if one or two Foremen and some Lascars were appointed to do the work under his supervision and that he would have to go to the Press only once or twice a week to check their work. It is therefore proposed to revert him to his permanent appointment in the Public Works Department but he will have to supervise the work of the Foremen and Lascars in the Press for which he will be given an allowance of Rs. 80 per mensem. He has already been given a Foreman, a Clerk and a Lascar. He will have to be given an additional staff of 2 Assistant Foremen, 4 lascars and 3 clerks. The expenditure on account of these hands, together with the allowance of Rs 80 to be paid to the Assistant Engineer would come to Rs. 419 a month. For six months we require about Rs. 2,514, but for the current year *i. e.* for the second half of Edavam and for Mithunam we require only Rs. 635 and a small sum of Rs. 65 for contingent expenditure. Thus the total requirement for the current year is Rs. 700. I hope that in the interest of the work that has to be done the grant will be made. The last stock-taking of the type plant in the Government Press was done, I believe, about 19 years ago during the time of Mr. Beck. Since then there has been no stock-taking in the Government Press and it is essential that the work should be completed and proper books maintained so as to prevent leakage and wastage in future. I hope the House will grant this small sum of Rs. 700.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know on whose advice this period of six months was fixed when the budget was prepared ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the advice of the Superintendent of the Government Press. He had no real idea of the magnitude of the work then.

The Superintendent thought that the work could be finished in about 6 months. It was only an approximate estimate. But it was only when the Assistant Engineer started the work he was able to know the volume of the work that had to be done and he reported that 6 months more would be necessary.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the Chief Secretary whether when the Superintendent of the Government Press said that it required 6 months more, the Government consulted the Public Works Department on that, to see whether it was a reasonable proposal ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Neither the P. W. D, nor the Superintendent of the Government Press would be able to fix the exact period required before actually beginning the work.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) May I know what the present monthly cost is ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a provision in the budget for 6 months. One Assistant Engineer on Rs. 250 plus a deputation allowance of Rs. 50, a foreman on Rs. 60 another foreman on Rs. 12, a clerk on Rs. 25, and one lascar on Rs. 9. The total comes to about a little over Rs. 400.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member whether any substantial shortage has been found during the stock-taking ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not yet received the report on stock-taking, but I understand from my personal conversation with the officer concerned that there are irregularities and deficiencies. Government would take the necessary action in this matter on the receipt of his report.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankode*) : May I know from the member whether a sum of Rs. 700 cannot be found from the contingencies ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Superintendent has reported that he could not meet the amount from the contingencies. Even if he could do so by diversion, Government thought it better to give an opportunity to the House itself to give its verdict on the advisability of completing this work. If the work is to be continued the staff will be retained ; otherwise it will be disbanded.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala 1*) : May I know from the member whether it would not require for further extension ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The stock-taking officer assured me that he would not require any further extension of time.

MR E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : I oppose the Demand Sir. It is suggested by the mover of the Demand that it is of an imperative nature ; and he has also stated that the Assistant Engineer in charge of the work who is to be paid Rs. 50 as allowance has to visit the office only four days a month.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I said he may have to visit once a week or twice a week or even more.

MR. E. V KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : In-as-much as the amount of work he is called upon to do or the number of days he is required to attend to this work is left vague, I do not think that it would be safe for this House to allow his monthly allowance of Rs. 50 ; and also it is said that the Assistant Engineer who was attending to this work is being reverted to P. W. D. But in his place there comes a certain additional subordinate on whose account the expenditure will amount to Rs. 500—how the member calculated that figure I do not know. According to my calculation there is not much difference between the amount proposed to be paid from the 15th of Edavam and the expenditure we have been incurring so far. And therefore with the

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modification that the Assistant Engineer's allowance will come to only very little and in view of the admission that the necessity for the additional staff will not be insisted upon this demand may be accepted. If the Government are not going to accept this suggestion, I am afraid I have to oppose the Demand.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If the work is to be completed within this period the additional staff I have mentioned has to be appointed. Whether the Assistant Engineer is there to do full-time or part time work, he will not be able to do the work of the foreman and the lascar. If the additional staff is not sanctioned the period will have to be extended further for the completion of the work. If they are appointed the work will be finished in six months.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know from the member what sort of supervision the Assistant Engineer has to make ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He will have to go there and check the work that is being done by his subordinates. He will not have to check every item of work but only some important items. He will have to satisfy himself that the work is being done properly. As far as his allowance is concerned it cannot be reduced. He is an officer getting Rs. 400. If an officer is deputed for special duty he is given 1/5 of his pay as deputation allowance. If there is any possibility of reducing the allowance or the additional staff asked for, Government will consider it seriously and make as much reduction in the expenditure as is possible without detriment to the efficiency of the work. With this assurance' I hope that the grant will be sanctioned by the House.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXXV—INVESTMENTS ON REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,28,800 on demand No. XXXV for Reproductive Works.

During the year 1109 a provision of 3 lakhs of rupees was made in the budget for starting a rubber factory in Trivandrum. Out of this three lakhs of rupees, there is only a provision of Rs. 2,55,000 for the year as the P. W. D. did not utilise the sum of Rs. 45,000 in 1109. And we had to incur certain additional expenditure over and above the two lakhs estimated for the purchase of machinery on account of the rate

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